**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*): There is no question of abandonment. It is still under consideration.

*A. D. Cotton Mills, Quilon.*

229. ✻**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of hours worked by the labourers in the A. D. Cotton Mills Ltd., Quilon;

(*b*) the lowest age of the labourers working there; and

(*c*) the daily wages given to the different classes of labourers?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 10 hours 45 minutes by male labourers and 10 hours by female labourers.

(*b*) About 12 years.

(*c*) Men 5 annas to 12 annas; Women 3 annas to 5 annas; Boys and Girls 3 chackrams to 5 chackrams.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): With regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know the maximum and minimum rates?

**PRESIDENT**: He has given that in his answer. You may read it once more, Mr. Thommen.

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): Men 5 As. to 12 As; Women 3 As. to 5 As; Boys and Girls 3 Chs. to 5 Chs.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, where they got the information from? Is it from the Dewan Peishkar or the proprietors of the Cotton Mills?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): From the District Magistrate.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government consider it necessary to bring the labour law here in conformity with that obtaining in British India?

**PRESIDENT**: It is a question of future intention.

*The Irrigation Division of the P. W. D.*

230. ✻**MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing

(*a*) the expenditure to be borne in respect of the Irrigation Division of the Public Works Department during the current year 1109;

(*b*) the work the Division was doing during the current year 1109; and

(*c*) the plan of work proposed for the Division at its inauguration?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Rs. 1,55,189-0-0.

(*b*) The investigation of new works to be executed hereafter, as also the completion of the balance works transferred from the various other Divisions. The estimates pertaining to irrigation works received from other Divisions are also being verified and closed.

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(c) The primary functions proposed for this new Division at its inauguration are :

(i) Charge of all the irrigation works in the State except those in the area under the Kodayar Project and the Minor Irrigation Works south of Kuzhittura river.

(ii) The development of productive irrigation in Kunnatnad taluk and also of the Muvattupuzha taluk where there are greater facilities for the development of irrigation such as the Athirapalli scheme.

MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : ഇറിഗേഷൻജോലികം നടത്തുന്നതിന് ഇപ്പോൾ കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നതുകയിൽ നിന്നും പകുതിയുകക്ക് വസ്തു ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാക്ക് കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) . I think there is.

MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : അതിൽവല്ല വ്യത്യാസവും വരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : In some cases, there were deviations.

MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : സ്ഥലത്തെ പ്രമാണികം ചേർന്ന് പകുതിയുകകൊണ്ട് ആ വക ജോലികം നടത്തിക്കൊള്ളാമെന്ന് സമ്മതിച്ചാൽ അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Government will consider any proposal put up.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member whether in forming the Irrigation Branch they think it necessary to meet the needs of the agricultural people ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I cannot understand the question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : The member has informed the House that any representation made in this respect may be considered. Will it be sufficient if the Irrigation Department is carefully approached with regard to this need ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : They should come to the Chief Engineer rather than to the Irrigation Department.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : My question is whether such representations will be considered or whether the determination of plans and schemes of works will be delayed for considering such representations and whether new notices will be given to the public in regard to the work proposed to be carried out in various centres.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot understand the question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Will publicity be given by new notices as regards works proposed to be carried out in various centres ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, notices will be usually given.

PRESIDENT: The question is whether publicity will again be given.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, before such work is decided.

PRESIDENT: To give notice is a different thing.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I want to know whether publicity will be given?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Will due publicity be given in regard to new works before they are executed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, notification will be issued.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): What I want is a clear assurance from the member as to whether he will consider the propriety of giving due publicity to the public over and above the notification calling for tenders for the work.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): That may be considered.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the member considers it desirable that such publicity ought to be given in the interest of agriculturists?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, that is a hypothetical question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): It is not a hypothetical case. I want to know whether the member considers it desirable or useful to give publicity to any work before any tender is called or the work actually undertaken?

PRESIDENT: Over and above the tender notices and before a work is sanctioned, the member wishes to know whether some method could not be devised in bringing that fact to the notice of the public.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is a question of opinion.

PRESIDENT: However, you will consider the question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether there are taluks in the Trivandrum Division where there is disparity in the contribution made?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know from the member whether the Irrigation Committee has made a specific recommendation that it should be stopped?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the member had any occasion to go through the report?

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**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): I have gone through the report.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the expenditure in regard to salaries, establishment and the proportion of expenditure for actual irrigation work?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

*Discontinuance of the Ayurveda Pharmacy.*

231. ***MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for discontinuing the Ayurvedic Pharmacy instituted on a former occasion by Government?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Ayurveda Pharmacy has not been discontinued since its establishment in 1093.

*Registration of Motor Vehicles.*

232. ***MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Traffic Superintendent of Police had notified that the motor vehicles with bags in them may not be eligible for re-registration;

(*b*) what test he applied to find out whether old buses contained bags among other things when they were presented before him for re-registration: and

(*c*) how many buses were re-registered since the notification?

**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) The question is not understood.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

**MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): There is a printing mistake in that question. Instead of the word 'bags', the word 'bugs' should appear.

**RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR** (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, the member says that there is a printer's devil in the question. He says that the word ought to be 'bugs' instead of 'bags'. My original answer was that the question is not understood. But, for this question I claim notice.

**PRESIDENT**: The research is being made by the Secretary and instead of wasting time, we will go on with the next question.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): Pending research, may I ask one question?

**MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): The question itself is not even put.

**PRESIDENT**: We want to know the exact answer before allowing supplementary questions. If it is 'bugs', the answer is one thing. If it is 'bags', the answer is another. We will pass on to the next question.

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